

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

AREA	FORM NO. 599
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wn Lexington

dress 116 School Street

storic Name John Chandler House

ie: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

ate 1758

"116 School Street" article in
Source Lexington Minuteman (n.d.) by Edwin
. Worthen?

Style Second Period Georgian/Altered
beind recognition

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric vinyl siding

Outbuildings _____

Major alterations (with dates) two-story
entrance porches on both ends (after 1902);

converted to double house

from Lincoln Street at

Moved Cambridge Reservoir Date 1902

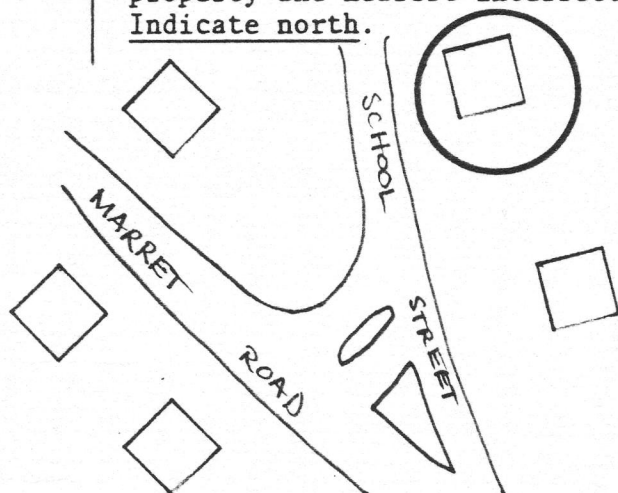
Approx. acreage 14101 ft.²

Setting Near busy intersection (Five

Forks) and 1960s and 1970s housing.

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation
to nearest cross streets and/or
geographical features. Indicate
all buildings between inventoried
property and nearest intersection.
Indicate north.



Recorded by Nancy S. Seasholes

Organization Lexington Historical Commission

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

Although this house has lost all its original exterior finishes, its five-bay wide, two-bay deep Georgian profile is still clearly recognizable. The fieldstone foundation is consistent with the date it was moved to this site.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

According to the records of Edwin B. Worthen, the former Lexington historian, this house was built in 1758 by John Chandler. It stood on Lincoln Street near the Lincoln line and may be the house labeled "D. Chandler" on the 1830 map. In 1834 the Chandlers sold the house and it subsequently had many owners, among them Nathaniel Jewett in 1852, Edwin W. Baxter in 1876, and Joseph Evans in 1889. In 1901 the house was "taken over" (Worthen doesn't say by whom) as part of the Cambridge Water Basin that had just been built, and in 1902 was bought by Stephen Broughall, a blacksmith, and moved to its present location. The 1906 map shows Michael F. Scannell, another blacksmith, as the owner, but the 1906 Directory indicates that Scannell lived in East Lexington and that Broughall still lived in this house on School Street.

At some point in its history the house was converted to a two-family; the two-story entrance porches on either end have almost certainly been added since the move.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

"116 School Street." Lexington Minuteman (n.d.), by Edwin B. Worthen?

1830 map

1852 map

1876 map

1889 map

1906 map

1906 Directory